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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

Public Health Office,
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Tonbridge.
29th July, 1952.

To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1951.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT, HOUSING, and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate reports by the Sanitary Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

Vital Statistics.

The Registrar-General's estimated population for the Joint Health Area for mid-1951 is 99,095. The estimated populations for each District are given on page 10, together with those for mid-1950. The final figures for the Census taken in April, 1951, are not yet available. The Registrar-General's estimated populations for mid-1951 have been used for the statistical calculations in this Report.

The BIRTH-RATE for the Joint Health Area was 14·7, compared with 14·6 for the Area in 1950, and 15·5 for England and Wales in 1951. The rate in Sevenoaks Urban District remained the lowest in the Area.

The DEATH-RATE for the Joint Area was 12·6, whereas that for England and Wales was 12·5. In 1950 the death-rate in the Joint Area was 11·6.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the Area was 29·6, the same as for England and Wales.

Two MATERNAL DEATHS occurred in the Area during the year.

Infectious Disease.

Although the incidence of Scarlet Fever, Measles and Whooping Cough was higher than in the previous year when the incidence was low, no deaths occurred from any of these diseases. Only one case of Diphtheria occurred in the Area.

Poliomyelitis.

During the year 15 cases of poliomyelitis were notified, including one fatal case. In 4 cases no paralysis developed. The age distribution of the cases in the Area was as follows:—

1–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	
1	4	2	3	3	2	= 15

The 15 cases occurred in the following months of the year:—

Jan.	Feb.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
4	1	1	4	2	2	1

Tuberculosis.

In 1951, 61 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 22 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, compared with 78 pulmonary cases and 20 non-pulmonary cases in 1950. During the year there were 21 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and 4 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, compared with 32 deaths from pulmonary and 3 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis in 1950. The figures for each District are shown for the last 5 years on page 20.

Food Hygiene.

Much educational work was undertaken by Sanitary Inspectors and many structural improvements carried out. Notices requesting customers not to bring dogs into food premises were distributed during the year.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20. (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit Milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

No action was necessary under this section during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948: Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

During the year it did not prove necessary to apply for Orders for the removal of any persons under this section, but many visits were paid by the Medical Officer of Health to old people. District Officers and Home Help Organisers of the County Council, and Voluntary Workers, were most co-operative in arranging home care for certain of these old people. Other cases were voluntarily admitted to hospitals or homes.

Legislation.

A number of new Acts and Regulations affecting the Public Health Department came into operation during the year; a list of these is given in page 15.

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May I again thank the Members and Officials of the District Councils and my staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,
Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1951-52

Chairman:

Maj.-Gen. F. A. M. B. JENKINS, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Tonbridge U.D. Council.

Members:

Mrs. A. Y. SPURRELL	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Miss A. J. CURRIE	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. M. JERWOOD	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. E. S. VINER	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. A. R. McAULAY	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. E. HYATT-WOOLF, J.P.	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. K. V. DAVISON	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P.	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. N. C. SALMON, J.P.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. R. NORTON, J.P.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Miss P. L. FERGUSON	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. R. J. KEW	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. P. G. W. STONE	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS, 1951-52

Miss M. M. C. Burrows, B.E.M., J.P., Chairman	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. J. Mudd, Clerk	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. N. W. Cole, Engineer & Surveyor ...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. A. C. Barnard, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Chairman	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. G. T. Bradbury, Clerk	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. H. E. Phillips, Engineer & Surveyor	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
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Mr. B. Lee, Clerk	Tonbridge R.D. Council
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Mr. S. J. Thorne, Clerk	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. B. Bishop, Engineer & Surveyor ...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Major E. Ruffell, M.C., J.P., Chairman	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. R. Nicholson, Clerk	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. Scott, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector	Southborough U.D. Council

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

P. M. KIRKWOOD, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs. Shorthand-Typist: Miss J. G. Jones.

SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

P. J. Cherry, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods. (Retired 9th January, 1952.)

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.In., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector (also Salvage Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

F. P. Cage, temporary General Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

R. H. Terry, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector (appointed 9th January, 1952).

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

S. C. Clark, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector (resigned 21st June, 1952).

Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., and Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Tonbridge Urban District.

J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods. Senior Sanitary Inspector.

K. T. Aston, A.R.San.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods. Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (appointed 3rd September, 1951).

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres) . .	62,959	3,720	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Home Population (R.G's estimate mid-1951) . . .	33,060	15,370	22,240	19,760	8,665	99,095
Estimated Home population, mid-1950	32,650	16,070	21,900	19,410	8,829	98,859
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1951) according to Rate Book .	9,768	4,625	6,732	5,625	2,800	29,550
Rateable Value . .	£220,625	£186,572	£156,388	£167,568	£68,200	£799,353
Sum represented by a penny rate . .	£910	£755	£600	£650	£268	£3,183

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1951.

		Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Live Births	Legitimate: Male	242	101	182	121	76	722
	Female	238	83	164	131	68	684
	Total	480	184	346	252	144	1,406
	Illegitimate: Male	7	2	13	5	–	27
	Female	7	3	8	1	3	22
	Total	14	5	21	6	3	49
	Total Live Births	494	189	367	258	147	1,455
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated home population, 1951		14·9	12·3	16·5	13·0	17·0	14·7
Still Births	Legitimate: Male	6	4	3	4	1	18
	Female	4	–	2	4	–	10
	Total	10	4	5	8	1	28
	Illegitimate: Male	2	–	–	–	1	3
	Female	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Total	2	–	–	–	1	3
	Total Still Births	12	4	5	8	2	31
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births		23·7	20·7	13·4	30·1	13·4	20·8
Deaths	Male	191	89	136	126	59	601
	Female	198	96	156	138	56	644
	Total	389	185	292	264	115	1,245
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated home population, 1951		11·8	12·0	13·1	13·4	13·3	12·6
Maternal Mortality		–	–	1	1	–	2
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0·0	0·0	2·7	3·8	0·0	1·3
Infantile Mortality	Male	13	6	8	6	2	35
	Female	2	1	4	1	–	8
	Total	15	7	12	7	2	43
Death Rate under one year of age: All infants per 1,000 live births		30·3	37·0	32·7	27·1	13·6	29·6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		29·2	38·0	34·7	23·8	14·0	29·2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		71·4	0·0	0·0	166·6	0·0	40·8

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY FOR 1951.

	Rate per 1000 Home Population		Annual Death-Rate per 1,000 Home Population									Rate per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis	Influenza	Smallpox	Ac. Poliomyelitis including Polioencephalitis	Pneumonia	All Causes under 1 year	Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years
ENGLAND & WALES ...	15.5	0.36	12.5	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.31	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.61	29·6	1·4
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	17.3	0.45	13.4	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01	0.65	33·9	1·3
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census)...	16.7	0.38	12.5	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.31	0.38	0.00	0.01	0.63	27·6	1·0
LONDON Admin. County	17·8	0.37	13.1	...	0.01	0.00	0.38	0.23	...	0.00	0.61	26.4	0.7
JOINT HEALTH AREA	14.7	0.31	12.6	...	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.20	...	0.01	0.66	29.6	3·4
Sevenoaks R.D.	14.9	0.36	11.8	...	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.15	...	0.00	0.57	30·3	2·0
Sevenoaks U.D.	12.3	0.20	12.0	...	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.06	...	0.00	0.58	37·0	10.5
Tonbridge R.D.	16.5	0.22	13.1	...	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.22	...	0.00	0.58	32·7	2.7
Tonbridge U.D.	13.0	0.40	13.4	...	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	...	0.05	0.86	27·1	3.9
Southborough U.D. ...	17.0	0.23	13.3	...	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.35	...	0.00	0.92	13·6	0.0

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).

(Supplied by the Registrar-General.)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory	4	4	1	1	3	5	4	...	1	...	13	10
Tuberculosis, other ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	4	1
Syphilitic Disease, ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infections	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Measles	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1
Cancer (all forms)	35	33	12	20	19	28	23	24	8	9	97	114
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	1	1	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	2	5
Diabetes	...	4	1	2	1	3	...	...	1	1	3	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	37	9	14	20	26	11	25	7	11	71	113
Coronary disease, angina	19	12	14	5	13	11	16	10	12	5	74	43
Hypertension with heart disease ..	6	6	5	5	4	1	7	6	1	2	23	20
Other heart diseases	21	38	15	23	18	35	18	22	7	13	79	131
Other circulatory diseases ...	15	10	2	3	4	6	3	10	2	1	26	30
Influenza	1	4	...	1	3	2	1	4	...	3	5	14
Pneumonia	6	13	6	3	3	10	9	8	6	2	30	36
Bronchitis	5	8	1	6	10	5	4	4	2	3	22	26
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	5	1	1	1	3	...	3	1	1	1	13	4
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	5	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	....	9	2
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	2	1	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6	6
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	1	...	15	...
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
Congenital Malformations	2	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	6	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	24	17	11	9	13	13	14	11	8	4	70	54
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	2	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	7	3
All Other Accidents	1	6	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	...	9	12
Suicide	3	...	1	..	2	...	...	1	...	1	6	2
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	191	198	89	96	136	156	126	138	59	56	601	644

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The County Laboratory at Maidstone provides full laboratory facilities, and the staff were again most helpful and co-operative.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Persons.

During 1951, 2 persons were treated for scabies and 1 for verminous condition at the Treatment Centre, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

Hospitals.

The Hospitals in the Area are in the Districts covered by the following Management Committees:—

Tunbridge Wells Management Committee:
Secretary—Mr. E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Management Committee:
Secretary—Mr. L. G. Bain.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)

District	Homes first registered during year 1951	Homes on Register at end of 1951	Number of Visits	Number of beds provided :		
				Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sevenoaks U.D. .	–	2	3	–	16	16
Tonbridge R.D. .	–	3	12	–	61	61
Tonbridge U.D. .	–	1	2	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	–	1	2	8	1	9
Total .	–	7	19	17	81	98

LEGISLATION.

The following Acts, Orders and Regulations affecting the Department were made or became operative during the year:—

Act, Order or Regulation.	Date operative from
Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950	1/1/51
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951	1/9/51
Pet Animals Act, 1951	1/4/52
Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951	1/11/51
Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Regulations, 1951 ...	1/11/51
Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1951	1/10/51
Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1951	1/10/51
H.C.N. (Fumigation of Buildings) Regulations, 1951	1/2/52
Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951	18/1/51
Parrots (Prohibition of Import) (Revocation) Regulations, 1951	8/1/52
Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951	1/10/51
Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1951	22/6/51
Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations, 1951	1/8/51
Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1951	1/7/51
Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Health and Ministry of Local Government and Planning) Order No. 1	30/1/51
,, No. 2	1/5/51

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of notifiable Infectious Disease occurring in the respective Districts of the Area are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	–	2	1	5	29	5	1	1	1	1	–	46	18	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–
Ac. Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	3	1	–	–	6	6	–
Ac. Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2	2	–
Meningococcal Infection	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1
Pneumonia (Ac. prim. & Influenzal)	2	3	1	2	6	16	3	4	16	17	46	44	160	1	7
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	5	1	9	–	–
Dysentery	1	1	6	3	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	–	23	1	–
Measles	9	27	50	72	86	314	39	8	11	3	1	–	620	2	–
Whooping Cough	17	28	31	55	40	157	4	1	3	3	3	1	343	–	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	1	–

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	1	–	–	2	9	1	–	–	–	–	–	13	5	–
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Pneumonia (Ac. Prim. & Influenzal)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	4	–	1
Measles	1	8	12	21	33	116	35	18	7	1	1	–	253	1	–
Whooping Cough	1	5	5	6	5	27	8	–	2	1	–	–	60	–	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	2	3	8	5	–	–	–	–	–	18	11	–
Poliomyelitis Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	–
Meningococal Infection	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Dysentery	–	1	–	2	2	8	2	–	3	4	1	1	24	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	6	6	–
Pneumonia (Ac. Primary and Influenzal	1	1	1	1	–	4	–	–	3	–	11	9	31	1	–
Erysipelas	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	3	–	–
Measles	6	24	31	33	38	199	29	8	7	2	2	–	379	–	–
Whooping Cough	17	19	44	30	37	151	10	1	6	5	1	3	324	1	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	1	4	9	3	1	–	–	–	–	18	7	–
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	3	3	1
Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Ac. Encephalitis, Infective	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	–
Ac. Encephalitis, Post-Infectious	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Dysentery	–	–	1	4	3	31	1	–	4	3	–	–	47	–	–
Pneumonia	1	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	1	6	12	–	1
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	1	4	–	–
Measles	6	35	43	47	74	227	20	7	1	4	2	–	466	4	–
Whooping Cough	3	9	13	13	18	37	1	–	1	–	–	–	95	–	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever . .	–	–	1	–	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	5	1	–
Pneumonia . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Measles	2	3	6	8	6	15	1	–	–	–	–	–	41	–	–
Whooping Cough . .	4	2	6	3	5	20	–	–	–	–	1	–	41	1	–
Food Poisoning . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	–	–

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1951 in the respective Districts:—

Age-Periods	NEW CASES																		DEATHS											
	Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary								Pulmonary						Non-Pulmonary					
	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0–1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5	1	–	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	2	1	1	2	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
15	2	2	–	–	–	1	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
25	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
35	4	–	1	–	2	1	1	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
45	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
55	–	1	1	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
65 and up	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
	12	7	7	3	8	9	7	4	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	6	4	3	–	–	4	4	1	1	2	4	1	1	–	–
	19		10		17		11		4		6		2		7		7		–		8		2		6		1		–	

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

Year	NEW CASES																				DEATHS																			
	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbr idge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.	
	Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary										Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary									
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1947	28	20	8	6	10	6	15	6	7	2	8	7	1	–	2	1	2	2	–	1	4	6	1	2	6	–	3	6	4	2	1	–	–	1	2	–	2	1	–	1
1948	17	8	7	6	6	9	11	13	4	3	5	3	2	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	3	3	4	5	5	1	3	2	1	2	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
1949	21	8	2	7	10	7	13	5	2	2	4	4	1	2	5	3	3	5	–	1	7	4	3	1	5	5	2	7	2	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
1950	8	11	4	2	12	9	9	13	6	4	4	2	1	–	2	4	4	3	–	–	11	3	2	–	4	4	6	1	1	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
1951	12	7	7	3	8	9	7	4	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	6	4	3	–	–	4	4	1	1	2	4	4	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	–

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, in respect of Diphtheria Immunisation, are given for the five Districts of the Area:—

	Number of children who had completed a course of immunisation as at 31st December, 1951 (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1937)			Number of children immunised during 1951. (Primary inoculations)			Number of children re-immunised during 1951. (Re-inforcing inoculations)		
	0–1 yr.	1–5 yrs.	5–14 yrs.	0–1 yr.	1–5 yrs.	5–14 yrs.	0–1 yr.	1–5 yrs.	5–14 yrs.
Sevenoaks Rural District	26	1697	4743	26	412	67	—	27	551
Sevenoaks Urban District	24	667	1917	24	160	19	—	4	206
Tonbridge Rural District	32	1010	2699	32	249	30	—	8	220
Tonbridge Urban District	12	801	2381	12	185	71	—	12	345
Southborough Urban District	10	394	968	10	96	10	—	3	68
Totals	104	4569	12708	104	1102	197	—	54	1390

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, are in respect of the five Districts of the Area:—

	Number Vaccinated						Number Re-Vaccinated				
Age at 31st December, 1951	Under 1 year	1–4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 or over	Total	Under 1 year	1–4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 or over	Total
Sevenoaks Rural District	177	189	110	151	627	—	27	348	717	1092
Sevenoaks Urban District	104	74	29	38	245	—	4	60	232	296
Tonbridge Rural District	118	217	358	464	1157	—	25	523	1358	1906
Tonbridge Urban District	92	126	206	188	612	—	5	150	426	581
Southborough Urban District	51	52	114	171	388	—	3	84	301	388

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were generally sufficient. Main supplies were of satisfactory quality. Certain samples of raw water from wells were unsatisfactory.

Approximately 95% of houses in the District are supplied direct with mains water. Full details of the water supply of the houses covered by the Rural Housing Survey are given on page 28.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	110	7
	Chemical	Nil	Nil
Raw water:	Bacteriological	4	20
	Chemical	52	2

No cases of contamination with lead were reported. In a few instances unsatisfactory well supplies were replaced by mains water.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

	Yards length.	Size.
Childsbridge Lane Housing Site	394	4-inch

Two 12-inch trunk mains were laid from Lullingstone borehole along Castle Farm Road (Metropolitan Water Board).

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Disposal works at Fordcombe and Penshurst to deal with 90 existing properties and future development in Fordcombe were completed in 1951. Sewer extensions in Edenbridge, Weald, Brasted, Kemsing, Sundridge, Seal, Hever and Chiddingstone.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

One additional vehicle was put into service, and weekly collections were reintroduced in the populous portions of the District.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	669
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	4,712
Informal Notices: Served	289
Complied with	262
Statutory Notices: Served	3
Complied with:	
(a) By owners	6
(b) By Local Authority in default	–
Legal proceedings taken	2

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year.

Housing (excluding Rural Housing Survey)	825
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	446
Swimming Pools	15
Hop-pickers' Camps	173
Knackers' Yards	8
Offensive Trades	7
Factory Acts	305
Shop Acts	133
Petroleum Act	199
Dairies	44
Ice Cream Premises	239
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	2
Bakehouses	90
Food Shops	449
Food Stalls and Vehicles	52
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	218
Food Factories	1
Other food preparing places	190
Infectious Disease visits	195
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	23
Miscellaneous	1,281

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of Camps in District	8
Number of Huts in District	187
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	575
Number of new Huts erected during 1951	Nil
Number of Inspections	167

The camps were generally satisfactory but certain improvements are required.

6. Disinfestation.

The following infestations were dealt with: ants 2, bugs 1, fleas 8, beetles 2, woodlice 1, cockroaches 3, and mosquitoes 3.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of visits by Rodent Operator	1,467
Number of complaints received	261
Infestations found and treated: Rats—Major 67 Minor 147 Mice—34	
Estimated kill (rats)	5,013

Sewer treatment was carried out in February, August and September, 1951.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	53	145	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	125	149	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	8	11	—	—
Total	186	305	2	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	6	6	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(*a*) Insufficient	3	3	—	2	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	3	—	2	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	3	2	—	3	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	15	—	8	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of faul n sending lists to the Council	No. of prosections for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making etc) ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
Making boxes, etc.	12	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	16	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the Year.
(Excluding Rural Housing Survey.)

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 377
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 825
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 18
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 18
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 7
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 304

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 227

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
(a) By owners 6
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... –

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished	Nil
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition	9
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation)	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

See under Rural Housing Survey on page 28.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	12
Offensive accumulations	20
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	4
defective	21
Drainage: reconstruction	33
repaired	24
cleansed	26
Cesspools: abolished	13
repaired	22
Conversions to W.C.s	7
Refuse receptacles	25
Food stores	4
Water supplies	14
Walls and ceilings	189
Floors	35
Windows and ventilation	48
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	29
Staircases	9
Coppers (defective)	5
Dampness	39
Roofs and rainwater pipes	76
Yard paving	1
Chimneys and fireplaces	24
Miscellaneous	105

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The Rural Housing Survey was completed in 1951. At the end of the year there were 9,768 dwelling-houses in the District; 5,515 houses of under £13 rateable value were covered by the Survey. For the purpose of the Survey a temporary Assistant Sanitary Inspector was

appointed between December 1945 and March 1946, and a temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector from April 1949 until the completion of the Survey. The results of the Survey are summarized below:—

Total number of houses surveyed 5,515

Number placed in Category 1	1,139	20·66%	of total inspected
„ 2	2,964	53·73%	
„ 3	1,165	21·13%	
„ 4	55	0·99%	
„ 5	192	3·49%	
Total	5,515		

Water Supplies.

The following table shows the percentage of dwellings provided with various types of water supply:—

Piped mains inside the house	87·51%	91·90%
„ „ to sinks in outhouses	1·11%	
Standpipes off main	3·28%	
Wells	2·03%	
Rainwater	2·25%	
Springs piped into houses	2·93%	
Other spring supplies	0·89%	

Drainage.

The more densely populated parts of each parish are sewered, the northern area discharging into the Darenth Valley sewer and the southern area into local disposal plants.

55·83% of the houses are connected to sewers, 34·99% to septic tanks and cesspools, while 9·18% have only soakaways, or no proper drainage.

Sinks and Baths.

99 houses (1·07%) have no sink, and 2,857 (51·80%) no fixed baths.

Sanitary Accommodation.

4,639 houses, representing 84·12%, are supplied with water-type closets, and 89·07% of these have flushes. 15·88% have chemical or earth-type closets.

113 houses share sanitary accommodation; in 2 cases earth closets, in the remainder W.C.s.

Overcrowding.

82 houses, representing 1·47% of the total, were found to be overcrowded within the definition of the Housing Act 1936. Up to the 31st December, 1951, 27 of these cases were known to have been relieved by the Council, leaving 55 (0·99%).

The number of statutorily overcrowded houses found during the Survey was 3 less than that recorded in the overcrowding survey carried out in 1936.

The average number of persons per dwelling in the houses surveyed was 3·07.

CAMPS.

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1951, was as follows:—

"Polhill" Camp	8

Caravans. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	43
Number of licences granted	43
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	30
Number of licences granted	30

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1951).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	540	108
Temporary	127	–
Private—Permanent	184	24

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	10
Number of registered dairies	6
Number of licences granted:	
(1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	6
(b) Supplementary	6
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	4
(b) Supplementary	8

One new milking parlour, and one new cowshed and dairy were constructed during the year.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	5	Nil
"Accredited"	1	Nil
"Pasteurised"	3	Nil
Non-designated	5	Nil
School Milk, T.T.	1	1

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination: 2, both satisfactory.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	5
(b) For the sale of ice cream	90
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	110
,, 2	33
,, 3	4
,, 4	Nil

The standard maintained at the registered premises has been satisfactory. There is an increasing tendency for the shops to retail proprietary brands of ice cream.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only slaughterhouses for pigs are in use in the District. Thirty-two pigs were inspected and one condemned for tuberculosis.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	53	218	8	8
Bakehouses	25	90	5	4
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)	93		2	2
Other food shops	248	546	9	7
Food stalls and vehicles	5			
Food factories	1	1		

Structural Improvements during the Year.

Many minor structural improvements were effected, and towards the end of the year some major structural works were commenced.

5. Unsound Food.

The following amount of unsound food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat		4	–	2	8
Other foods		14	3	5	8

Tinned foods: 354 tins, bottles, packets, etc.

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks of food poisoning occurred. Two single cases were notified. In one case the organism isolated was Salmonella typhi murium, but no organisms were isolated in the second case.

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Abundant supply of good water.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	10	–
	Chemical	–	–
Raw water:	Bacteriological	7	–
	Chemical	–	–

All the houses in the District are supplied by public mains except three supplied by standpipes.

The following news mains were laid during the year:—

264 yards of 3-inch main replacing 2-inch in Bethel Road.
112 yards of 3-inch main Betenson Avenue.
197 yards of 4-inch main Betenson Avenue.
55 yards of 3-inch main Seal Hollow Road.
289 yards of 4-inch Pillar Box Lane.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Soil and surface water additions and improvements:—

Betenson Avenue Housing Scheme, No. 1.

4-inch soil sewer	198 feet
6-inch surface water sewer	220 feet

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

During the year there has been no change in connection with Refuse Disposal and Collection, except that the collection of waste-paper was re-instituted on the 1st January, 1951.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		141
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		3,236
Informal Notices:	Served	123
	Complied with	101
Statutory Notices:	Served	4
	Complied with:	
	(a) By owners	2
	(b) By Local Authority in default ...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken		Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	382
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	291
Swimming Pools	5
Hop-pickers' Camps	5
Knackers' Yards	–
Offensive Trades	–
Factory Acts	204
Shop Acts	114
Petroleum Act	104
Dairies	77
Ice Cream Premises	104
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	394
Bakehouses	59
Food Shops	209
Food Stalls and Vehicles	145
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchen, etc.	541
Food Factories	5
Other food preparing places	189
Infectious Disease Visits	100
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	183
Miscellaneous	176

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District (on same farm)	2
Number of huts in District	84
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	50
Number of new huts erected during 1951	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1951	5

Conditions were satisfactory at this camp.

6. Disinfestation.

Eleven houses were treated for bug infestation during the year; theer were no recurring cases.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of treatments undertaken	242
Number of visits paid (including 1,619 by the Rodent Operator)	1,802
Estimated kill of rats	2,393

By arrangement with the Surveyor, the treatment of the soil sewers in the District was undertaken by the Public Health Department, and 361 manholes were treated.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	23	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	80	197	14	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	103	204	14	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	13	10	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences: (*a*) Insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—	—
Total	15	11	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.) ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings	2	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	4	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 148

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 382

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 77

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 77

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... Nil

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 39

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 30

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

Accurate particulars of overcrowding not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	1
Offensive accumulations	2
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	–
defective	7
Drainage: reconstruction	–
repaired	18
cleansed	30
Cesspools: abolished	Nil
repaired	Nil
Conversion to W.C.s	Nil
Refuse receptacles	2
Food stores	1
Water supplies	1
Walls and ceilings	4
Floors	7
Windows and ventilation	10
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	–
Staircases	–
Coppers (defective)	2
Dampness	7
Roofs and rainwater pipes	26
Yard paving	–
Chimneys and fireplaces	5
Miscellaneous	24

Post-War Housing.

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	295	61
Temporary	Nil	Nil
Private	117	8

Caravans. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	Nil
Number of licences granted	Nil
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	1
Number of licences granted	1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	5
Number of registered dairies	2
Number of licences granted:	
(1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulation, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	2
(b) Supplementary	4
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulation, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	Nil
(b) Supplementary	3

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	25	2
"Pasteurised"	16	Nil
Non-designated	Nil	Nil
Pasteurised (Channel Island)	6	Nil

Samples for biological examination (exclusive of those mentioned above):

Tuberculin Tested	6
Raw milk	1

"No evidence of Tuberculosis was found."

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:	
(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	2
(b) For the sale of ice cream	35

Results of samples taken: Grade 1	20
„ 2	4
„ 3	2
„ 4	Nil

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	2

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	1,608	387	750	3,154	480
Number inspected	1,608	387	750	2,366	480
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcases condemned	4	5	1	4	20
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	425	102	2	75	40
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	26.679	27.648	0.4	3.338	12.5
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned	7	11	1	–	–
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	144	85	–	–	15
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	9.39	24.8	0.13	–	3.125

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens	79	541	20	22
Bakehouses	8	59	4	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)	20	189	2	3
Other food shops	107	209	5	4
Food stalls and vehicles	7	146	1	1
Food factories	1	5	1	1

Frequent visits paid to restaurants, hotel kitchens and food premises. Particular attention paid to the education of staff in hygenic food handling.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	8	–	2	25	12
Edible offal	7	17	2	24	–
Other food (including tinned food)... ...	1	5	1	12	8
Total	17	3	3	6	4

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred. One single case was notified; the organism isolated was Salmonella typhi murium.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient throughout the year. All samples of main water examined were satisfactory. Samples were taken from the supplies of the five water companies serving the area.

The private estate supply at Dene Park in the parish of Hadlow was dispensed with when the main supply was extended to all the properties on the estate during the year. Two Category V. cottages, without a water supply, were converted into one following informal action, and the main supply extended from the highway and laid on to the converted dwelling.

Lead service pipes are not in general use in the area and no cases of contamination occurred during the year.

Three hundred yards of ¾-inch service pipe was renewed, as the old service pipe was fractured and admitting contaminated surface water. Three well supplies were found to be contaminated and subsequently abandoned when main water was laid on to the properties. During the year five houses served by a contaminated well supply were dealt with under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and are no longer occupied. One house which relied on weekly delivery by water cart was similarly dealt with and has been demolished.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	17	–
	Chemical	4	–
Raw water:	Bacteriological	2	7
	Chemical	Nil	Nil

Approximately 98% of the dwelling-houses are supplied direct with main water; less than 1% are supplied by standpipes (exact figures per parish not available until Rural Housing Survey completed).

During the year a new 4-inch main was laid on the Tonbridge Rural District Council Housing site, Langton.

Other mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:

Mid-Kent Water Company.

Housing Site, Porters Wood, Brenchley	73 yards of 3-inch main
Petteridge, Brenchley	535 yards of 3-inch main
Housing Site, Old Kent Road, Paddock Wood...	175 yards of 3-inch main

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The village of Five Oak Green was sewered and the houses connected.

The work on the new sewage works at Paddock Wood was in hand, and the sewering of the village of Matfield and improvements to the disposal plant, and the re-sewering of Lamberhurst and the disposal plant. The new disposal works at Pembury were under construction.

Twenty-eight cesspools were abolished during the year, affecting 43 properties. Twenty-five new septic tank systems were constructed. Seven cesspools were converted into septic tanks and secondary means of treatment provided.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The refuse collection service is unchanged. Disposal of the refuse at Hadlow Tip gave rise to complaints during the summer and autumn, consequently the Council purchased additional plant at a cost of £1,400 to enable the Tip to be adequately controlled.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	384
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	2,625
Informal Notices: Served	239
Complied with	210
Statutory Notices: Served	Nil
Legal proceedings taken	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the Year:

Housing	1,022
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	62
Swimming pools	12
Hop-pickers' camps	276
Knackers' yards	4
Offensive Trades	–
Factory Acts	81
Shops Acts	144
Petroleum Act	–
Dairies	217
Ice cream premises	171
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	18
Bakehouses	32
Food shops	77
Food stalls and vehicles	30
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchen, etc.	96
Food factories	26
Other food preparing places	37
Infectious Disease visits	88
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	141
Miscellaneous	129

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	95
Number of huts in District	4,880
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	20,818
Number of new huts erected during 1951	79
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1951 ...	276

Lodging accommodation: Ample for the number of pickers.

Water supply: Ninety-two camps supplied with mains water, three with springs.

Scavenging: Satisfactory standard maintained.

Cookhouse accommodation: Adequate.

Closet accommodation: Mainly trench latrines. Two camps have W.C. accommodation.

General camp supervision: Good.

General Remarks on the Hop-picking Season (Report by Senior Sanitary Inspector):

"Many of the huts were inspected before picking started and those found to be in need of attention last season were repaired, and at two camps the huts were entirely re-roofed and re-painted. All camps were inspected during picking and 14 notices were served on growers for infringements of the Byelaws. Latrine accommodation continues to show improvement, and growers are being encouraged to allocate latrines to groups of pickers so that they can be responsible for their condition. New clothes-drying facilities were provided by the Somerhill Estate at Hadlow Place Camp."

6. Disinfestation.

The following disinfestations were dealt with: fleas 1, flies 3, ants 3, bugs 3, beetles 6, and wasps 7.

Wasp infestations were more prevalent than usual but were successfully dealt with.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints		122
Number of treatments		110
Number of visits		553
Estimated number of rats killed during the year:		
In private premises	600	
In business premises	445	
In Council premises	2,076	
		3,121

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	17	17	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	62	13	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	2	1	—
Total	99	81	18	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	6	6	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(*a*) Insufficient	2	1	—	1	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	9	9	—	4	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—	—
Total	18	17	—	6	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list requiredby Section 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 617

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1,022

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 329

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 329

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 12

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 209

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers... 199

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished	13
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition	19
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation)	2
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available, but little evidence of serious overcrowding.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals ...		2
Offensive accumulations ...		3
Sanitary accommodation:	insufficient	7
	defective	22
Drainage:	reconstruction	34
	repaired	20
	cleansed	89
Cesspools:	abolished	28
	repaired	7
Conversions to W.C.s		41
Refuse receptacles ...		2
Food Stores ...		3
Water supplies		7
Walls and ceilings ...		179
Floors ...		41
Windows and ventilation ...		25
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks		23
Staircases ...		14
Coppers (defective)		2
Dampness ...		106
Roofs and rainwater pipes		75
Yard paving ...		12
Chimneys and fireplaces ...		21
Miscellaneous ...		97

Rural Housing Survey (position at 31st December, 1951).

Total number of houses surveyed	3,106
Number placed in category 1	1,572
,, 2	560
,, 3	752
,, 4	42
,, 5	180

In 92 cases Demolition Orders have been made. Four Category V. cottages owned by the Council have been demolished. Two Category V. cottages were converted into one as a result of informal action. One building was converted into five self-contained flats with the aid of "improvement grant" under the Housing Act, 1949.

Sandhole Camp, Matfield.

Fifteen huts were occupied at the end of the year.

Caravans. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	8
Number of licences granted	8
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	19
Number of licences granted	19

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1951).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	~~540~~ 608	~~108~~ 48
Temporary	~~127~~ 100	–
Hatton Housing Trust	48	–
Private	~~184~~ 314	~~24~~ 12

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	21
Number of registered dairies	15

Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	10
(b) Supplementary	4
(2) Milk (Special Designations) Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	13
(b) Supplementary	3

One dairy was structurally improved, and five had internal walls relined and cleansed.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Sterilised"	1	–
"Tuberculin Tested"	54	10
"Pasteurised"	21	1
Non-designated	–	–
"T.T. Pasteurised"	11	–

Eleven samples of ungraded milk were taken for biological examination; none showed evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:	
(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	1
(b) For the sale of ice cream	51
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	93
,, 2	12
,, 3	9
,, 4	1

3. Slaughterhouses.

There are three private slaughterhouses in use in the District in connection with the Self Suppliers of Pigs Scheme. Thirty-six pigs were killed and inspected. Part of one carcase was condemned because of tuberculosis.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens	41	96	7	5
Bakehouses	14	32	6	5
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)	69	130	4	3
Other food shops	75	63	3	3
Food stalls and vehicles	4	30	–	–
Food factories	1	26	1	1

The programme commenced in 1950, which aimed at improving the structural conditions of cafés, restaurants and canteens, was proceeded with during the year. At one large café, service counters were lined with plastic and glass containers provided to minimise the danger of contaminating foodstuffs. At four roadside cafés, the kitchens were thoroughly repaired, improved, and internal wall surfaces relined. One hotel kitchen was improved, new fittings provided and walls completely re-decorated. One industrial canteen kitchen was altered, giving additional facilities for the staff.

All bakehouses were regularly inspected during the year. At one bakehouse the floor was taken up and relaid, and a new flour loft provided. At four bakehouses notices requiring cleansing and lime-washing were complied with promptly.

Three butchers' premises used for the manufacture of sausages and meat pickling were improved by the walls being relined and re-decorated. At two such premises appliances were installed to provide constant supplies of hot water.

Grocers' shops, fishmongers' premises and other retail food shops were circulated with display notices requesting customers not to bring dogs into such premises. The majority of occupiers co-operated willingly and displayed the notices on windows and doors. One grocers' premises was completely repaired and two others complied with informal notices requiring facilities for providing hot water.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat		1	–	18	8
Other food (including tinned food)		18	1	15	6

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks of food poisoning occurred. One single case was notified and the organism isolated was Salmonella typhi murium.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient during the year and the quality as shown by bacteriological examination was good. The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	17	–
	Chemical: Nil		
Raw water:	Bacteriological	–	–
	Chemical: Nil		

Approximately 99·5% of the houses are supplied direct with main water.

New mains laid during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.
40 yards of 3-inch main Hill View Road.
104 yards of 3-inch main replacement Uridge Crescent.
316 yards of 4-inch main replacement Dry Hill Park Road.
112 yards of 4-inch Brook Street Estate.
94 yards of 4-inch Baltic Road.
136 yards of 4-inch Pembury Road.
87 yards of 4-inch main Cage Farm Estate.
1,265 yards of 6-inch main Cage Farm Estate.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The soil sewer was extended in the North East area of the District, providing drainage for the New Cage Farm Housing Estate.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

During the year several small sites were used for tipping and useful filling of land carried out. The Council commenced to supply dustbins on hire under Section 75 (3) of the Public Health Act, 1936. 198 written notices for dustbins were issued. Owners or occupiers provided dustbins to 74 premises after representation by the department, and 145 dustbins were supplied by the Council on hire either in default, or, in several cases, by request.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		265
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		3,675
Informal Notices:	Served	403
	Complied with	366
Statutory Notices:	Served	2
	Complied with:	
	(a) By owners	2
	(b) By Local Authority in default ...	–
Legal proceedings taken		Nil

Summary of inspections and visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:

Housing	688
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	283
Swimming pools	4
Hop-pickers' camps	14
Knackers' yards	–
Offensive Trades	6
Factories Act	130
Shop Acts	17
Petroleum Act	67
Dairies	43
Ice cream premises	239
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	28
Bakehouses	53
Food shops	531
Food stalls and vehicles	5
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	85
Food factories	–
Other food preparing places	134
Infectious Disease visits	183
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	*94
Miscellaneous	1,402

* Excluding visits made by Rodent Operative.

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	3
Number of huts in District	72
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	210
Number of new huts erected during 1951	15
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1951	14

Conditions in the camps were generally good. The maintenance of closet accommodation and prevention of litter around the huts present the greatest difficulty.

6. Disinfestation.

Seven domestic and one office premises were dealt with.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Rats:	Number of local authority premises treated	17
	Number of dwelling-houses treated	117
	Number of Agricultural premises treated	1
	Number of other premises treated	29
Mice:	Number of local authority premises treated	1
	Number of dwelling-houses treated	34
	Number of other premises treated	16

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	39	24	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	86	87	11	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	13	19	1	—
Total	138	130	14	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	5	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences: (*a*) Insufficient	3	2	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	9	8		6	
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	17	14	—	6	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nil.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	222
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	688
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	26
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	93
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	152

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	131

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	–
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished	1
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition	Nil
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation)	Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 1

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	5
Offensive accumultaions	6
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	–
defective	11
Drainage: reconstruction	5
repaired	5
cleansed	37
Cesspools: abolished	–
repaired	1
Conversions to W.C.s	1
Refuse receptacles	219
Food stores	1
Water supplies	19
Walls and ceilings	105
Floors	21
Windows and ventilation	36
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	10
Staircases	–
Coppers (defective)	2
Dampness	60
Roofs and rainwater pipes	52
Yard paving	7
Chimneys and fireplaces	31
Miscellaneous	30

Camps. (Temporary Housing.)

Number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1951:

Somerhill Camp 68

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1951).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	447	88
Temporary	–	–
Private—Permanent	104	7

Caravans. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	1
Number of licences granted	1
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	23
Number of licences granted	22

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	24
Number of registered dairies	4
Number of licences granted:	
(1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	5
(b) Supplementary	1
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	17
(b) Supplementary	2

A new cold store was provided at one dairy, and the cold store at a milk distributing dairy was being reconstructed at end of year.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
T.T. Pasteurised	4	–
"Tuberculin Tested"	2	–
"Pasteurised"	8	–
Non-designated	–	–
Sterilised	3	–

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination:

One sample of non-designated milk: satisfactory.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:	
(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	4
(b) For the sale of ice cream	55
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	60
,, 2	22
,, 3	6
,, 4	1

Iced lollies: 12 samples, all grade 1.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only one slaughterhouse was in operation. In this, 32 pigs were killed and inspected. Parts of 3 carcases were condemned, 2 for tuberculosis and 1 for other disease. One sheep was killed.

4. Food Premises.

To bakehouses, 53 visits were paid and 6 defaults or defects found and remedied. To cafés, restaurants, canteens, premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food, food stalls and vehicles, and food factories, 755 visits were paid and 28 faults or defects found, of which 27 were remedied.

Plans were well advanced at the end of the year for the complete overhaul and redecoration of one café.

During the year 3 bakehouses were closed. One bakehouse was completely redecorated throughout. The defects found in the others were mostly the need for whitewashing of walls. At the end of the year plans were well advanced for the erection of a new bakehouse to replace an old existing one which is too small for the trade, and which does not permit of good hygienic conditions.

One multiple store's warehouse and preparation rooms were completely redesigned with new sanitary, washing and cloakroom accommodation. One fish shop installed a refrigerated covered display cabinet as a precaution against dust and flies. Cold storage facilities for fish at another shop were improved, and 3 shops carried out improvements to floor drainage.

Lectures.

Two lectures on 'Food Hygiene' were given by the Senior Sanitary Inspector to interested bodies.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat		4	–	16	6
Other food (including tinned food)	1	5	2	7	–
Total	1	9	2	23	6

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks of food poisoning occurred. One single case was notified; the organism isolated was Salmonella typhi murium.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The supply was sufficient throughout the year and the quality satisfactory after treatment.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	46	–
	Chemical	11	–
Raw water:	Bacteriological	36	6
	Chemical	–	–

No cases of contamination with lead occurred. All the dwelling-houses in the District, except approximately 6 houses, are supplied with main water.

The Council's water mains were extended on the Lady's Gift Estate. This entailed the laying of:

500 yards of 3-inch Cast Iron Water Main.
204 yards of 4-inch Cast Iron Water Main.
280 yards of 6-inch Cast Iron Water Main.

Work was commenced on the deepening and cleaning out of one bore hole at Hayesden Waterworks. The work was still in progress at the end of the year.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the District is provided with main drainage.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

There was no change or new development in the collection and disposal of refuse during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		237
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		1,489
Informal Notices:	Served	27
	Complied with	29

Statutory Notices: Served	Nil
Complied with:	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default ...	Nil
Legal Proceedings taken	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	644
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	153
Swimming pools	Nil
Hop-pickers' camps	Nil
Knackers' yards	Nil
Offensive Trades	Nil
Factory trades	74
Shops Acts	14
Petroleum Act	21
Dairies	15
Ice cream premises	58
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	Nil
Bakehouses	6
Food shops	74
Food stalls and vehicles	Nil
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc....	15
Food factories	5
Other food preparing places	3
Infectious Disease visits	36
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	233
Miscellaneous	138

5. Disinfestation.

Four houses and one hutment were sprayed.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of properties inspected on complaint	40
Independent investigation	175

Total number of properties treated was 82: 76 for minor and 8 for major rat infestations.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	49	52	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	26	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	2	—	—
Total	74	80	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences: (*a*) Insufficient	1	1	—	1	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	2	—	3	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	4	—	4	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nil.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	133
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	644
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	119

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers...	122

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

No accurate information available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	Nil
Offensive accumulations	Nil
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	Nil
defective	22
Drainage: reconstruction	Nil
repaired	8
cleansed	Nil
Cesspools: abolished	Nil
repaired	Nil
Conversions to W.C.s	Nil
Refuse receptacles	12
Food stores	Nil
Water supplies	10
Walls and ceilings	14
Floors	2
Windows and ventilation	7
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	4
Staircases	Nil
Coppers (defective)	10
Dampness	17
Roofs and rainwater pipes	32
Yard paving	8
Chimneys and fireplaces	4
Miscellaneous	53

Camps (Temporary Housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1951, was as follows:

Great Bounds Camp	10

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1951).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	180	43
Temporary	30	–
Private—Permanent	34	7

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	2
Number of registered dairies	2
Number of licences granted:	
(1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	1
(b) Supplementary	5
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	Nil
(b) Supplementary	5

During the year one dairy completed structural improvements.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	Nil	Nil
"Pasteurised"	Nil	Nil
Non-designated	Nil	Nil

Number of samples (exclusive of those referred to above) submitted for biological examination: Raw Milk 1—no evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	1
(b) for the sale of ice cream	17

Results of samples taken: Grade 1	7
" 2	2
" 3	Nil
" 4	1

3. Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in operation in the District.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens	8	15	–	–
Bakehouses	6	6	–	–
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)	13	15	3	3
Other food shops	80	74	–	–
Food stalls and vehicles	Nil	Nil	–	–
Food factories	1	5	–	–

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat		–	3	20	4
Other food (including tinned food)		2	–	16	11

6. Food Poisoning.

Two cases of food poisoning occurred during the year. A pork pie from which Staphylococci pyogenes were isolated may have been responsible.